

MARTIN IS OUSTED FROM LEADERSHIP IN UPPER HOUSE

Progressive Democrats Hold Confabs to Check the Conservatives.

Senator Thomas Staples Martin, of Virginia, now Democratic leader of the Senate, stands today beaten in the quiet fight under the surface among the Senate Democrats over the leadership in the next Congress.

The Senate Progressive Democrats have been extremely busy for several weeks in the effort to unseat Senator Martin. A number of quiet confabs and powwows have been held. A lot of plotting to the end of preventing the conservative or reactionary Democrats from capturing the Senate committee has been carried on.

Lately, there has been a careful count of noses and it is found that the most efficient of the reactionaries, in the air and so are some of the other conservatives who have always stood by Mr. Martin, have been found for conservatism in the Senate Democratic councils.

Want Support for Wilson.

The Senate radical or Progressive Democrats have insisted that their purpose was to organize the Senate committees so that Wilson as President would be enabled to find support for the legislation he wanted. But it was well understood that the effect of such an organization would be to thrust into the background conservative Senators like Mr. Martin, who is a product of the Virginia Democratic machine and who at least of late has been a persistent foe of the Progressive Democratic element in Virginia.

Now that the Progressive or radical Democrats in the Senate have gained more strength and confidence they have become less valiant in their purposes and it has become clear that they are intent on ousting Martin from the leadership. Should some of their strength slip from them, they might consent to accept Mr. Martin and then tie him hand and foot. But if all the Democratic line team the Progressive side who have promised to the Virginia Senator will have to take a back seat.

Liberals Encouraged.

One thing that has heartened the Progressive Democrats in the Senate is the recent utterances of Wilson. The President-elect in one way and another has offered encouragement to the liberal wing of the party in the Senate. His threat to hang as high as Haman the promoters of a panic has been accepted by the radical Democrats as meaning he is prepared to back them up. In the present situation, the conservative leaders of the Senate have been headway against the course sanctioned by the President-elect. It may be that later on they will have to make a wide of his influence, but there is no disguising the fact that just now most of the Democrats in Congress want to start out in the good graces of the man who is expected to sit in the White House four years after March.

Just who will be the Democratic leader if Martin does not regain his lost ground, it is not possible to say at present. A powerful movement is favorable to Senator Kern of Indiana, O'Gorman, Gore, Stone, Reed, and John Sharp Williams are mentioned. The youth of Senator Luke Lea stands in his way, otherwise he would be in the front rank for titular leadership. Senator Hoke Smith is looked on as aspirant to the leadership, but he will probably not get it in the coming Congress, because of the fact he has so recently entered the Senate.

Limit of Fight Uncertain.

With Senator Martin probably beaten for leader, it is uncertain how far the fight will be carried to dispose of Democrats from chairmanships which they want. More specifically, it is not quite clear how far the war will be carried to keep Senator Simmons from the Finance Committee chairmanship. Indications now are that while Mr. Simmons is strong, his situation is getting shaky and he will have to make it plain he is going to line up for the Wilson policies or have a desperate fight in which he stands about an even chance of getting worsted. The recent conference between Wilson and Senator Overman, in which Overman got encouragement for Josephus Daniels, of North Carolina, as a member of the Cabinet, strongly suggests that Simmons is ready to keep on peaceful terms with the President-elect and has conveyed this word to Trenton. Daniels and Simmons, it is known, have buried the hatchet.

Talk on English Drama.

Louise Greenberg, of George Washington University, will give an address on "The History of the English Drama," tonight at 8 o'clock before the Collegiate Club.

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Appearance of Mother Causes Breakdown of Youth Held for Attempted Robbery in Anacostia—Churches Plan Christmas Services.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ANACOSTIA, D. C., DEC. 22.

The indifference he had maintained since his arrest on Friday night by the Anacostia police for the hold-up of a woman, a colored workman, overcome completely by the arrival of his mother at the station house last night, May P. Stewart, eighteen years old, confessed that he had played the part of a highwayman. Unwary entirely by the interview with his mother, young Stewart hastened to sign a statement confessing his guilt. He will be taken to court tomorrow on the charge of attempted robbery. The young man said his object was to secure some money to spend at Christmas.

The confession was secured by Acting Sergeant Scherer, and was signed by the prisoner. It was intimated to the police that the young man has been interested in dime novels and similar books of late. He manufactured a mask out of a handkerchief and tied it over his face when Butler, a steel plant employee, passed over a lonely path. He was still at the spot when Sergeant Weber and Policeman Lucas rode up and captured him. He told the police last night that no revolver figured in the hold-up business. He held out a small penknife only at Butler. The knife was found in his pocket. Butler lost nothing, the youth permitting him to pass on the statement that he had no money, although he had been paid off a short time before at the steel plant.

Christmas sermons were preached today in three churches here. Large congregations in the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church, the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Congress Heights Methodist Episcopal Church heard the meaning of Christmas explained from the spiritual side.

The Christmas program was rendered in its entirety in the Garden Memorial Church, where special music, prepared and sung under the direction of Mr. E. J. Davis, was heard. The Rev. George M. Cummings, pastor, delivered his Christmas sermon at the 11 o'clock service.

Features of the musical program were the anthem, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," by Mrs. M. J. L. Bowerbutts, as arranged by Schneider, followed by "And There Were Shepherds."

herds," with several soloists, after the arrangement by Milord. At this event, the service, the anthem by Mrs. Ashford, "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night," will be sung.

In the Methodist Church the Rev. Samuel W. Griffin spoke at the forenoon service on "The Promise and Prophecy of Christ." and tonight he will preach a sermon on "The Sifting of Christmas." Anacostia Methodists will have services on Christmas morning at 8 o'clock, with sermon, music, and holy communion. The Christmas music will be rendered next Sunday.

"The Coming of the Magi" was the Christmas subject dwelt upon this morning by the Rev. Merritt East, pastor of the Congress Heights Methodist Church. Tonight he will deliver a sermon on "Will Jesus Be Present at Our Christmas?" It is probable services will be held in this church on Christmas Day, but it has not been determined positively.

St. Teresa's Christmas program was announced today by the priests in charge. The principal feature will be a midnight mass, at which an elaborate musical program will be rendered. This will be followed by a service at 9 o'clock and at 9 o'clock, the last named being for the children especially.

The Epworth League of the Congress Heights M. E. Church will make a morning visit to the home for the aged and infirm on Christmas morning and convey Christmas cheer to the old folk. The young people have provided several barrels of apples and a number of crates filled with oranges to present to the inmates. They will go down to the home this afternoon and hold services, according to custom, and make arrangements for their trip Christmas morning. Conveyance will be provided for the members of the society and their gifts.

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FISHER OPPOSES STATE CONTROL OF COAL LEASEHOLDS

Policy of Interior Department Shown in Letter of Secretary.

A complete outline of the public coal lands policy of the Interior Department under the administration of Secretary Fisher is given in a letter written by the Secretary to Congressman Mondell, of Wyoming, with respect to the leasing of Wyoming coal lands.

Secretary Fisher is opposed to State control of leaseholds. In his letter he says:

"The sale emphasizes, again that Government prices do not discourage coal land sales for immediate development, though they do discourage buying for speculative holding or control, thereby, to my mind, discouraging monopoly; for monopoly, when not secured through the exercise of artificial restraint of trade, relies mainly on control of reserve supplies, either of coal, iron, water power, or other resources, because, of course, once the basic material of an industry is owned by a few individuals, competition is out of the question. It was the old

policy of selling coal lands worth hundreds of dollars per acre for \$10 or \$20 that fostered and invited monopolistic control."

With respect to comparative prices, the Secretary cites figures tending to prove that privately owned coal lands sold in the last year were sold at figures on an average of four times higher than those asked for Government coal lands, and that, in addition, the Government lands contained a several times greater tonnage.

Tech High School Alumni Will Meet

The Alumni Association of the McKinley High School will hold its Christmas reunion tomorrow night at the school. In addition to the members of the association, and the faculty, this year's class has been invited, and a capacity attendance is expected. John E. Wilkie, former Chief of the United States Secret Service, will deliver the address of the evening. Superintendent William E. Davidson will also talk. The affair will be social, and after the address there will be vocal and instrumental numbers. Music will be furnished by the Tech orchestra. Refreshments and dancing will complete the evening. The committee is as follows: Bruce Cleveland, chairman; Miss Jessie Weirich, Frances A. Reilly, Miss McKernan, Howard P. Sanford and J. Bond Smith.

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